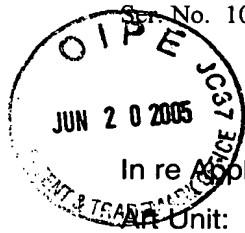


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **John F. Stoops, et al.**
App Unit: **2816**
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN IMPROVED TIMER AND PULSE WIDTH DETECTION**
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Petition to Withdraw an Application from Issue
in Accordance With 37 C.F.R. 1.313(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the above-identified patent application from issue in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.313(a), to enable Applicants to timely submit the attached Information Disclosure Statement and have the attached reference considered.

The Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

The attached reference was cited by an opponent in a lawsuit involving U.S. Patent 5,124,597 (Steubing), a reference in the subject application.

Please charge the required fee of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00) for the Petition to withdraw the subject patent application from issue, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h), to Deposit Account Number 20-0352. No other fee is believed due. However, if an additional fee is due, please also charge that fee to Deposit Account Number 20-0352.

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